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EARLY WARNING SYSTEM SIREN UPGRADE PROJECT

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA, June 6, 2014 – On Monday, June 9, 2014, PG&E Diablo Canyon will begin work on an Early Warning System (EWS) siren upgrade project in coordination with the County of San Luis Obispo. The siren system, which is comprised of 131 sirens located throughout the Diablo Canyon Emergency Planning Zone, can be used to alert the public of an emergency when there is a need for the public to take a protective action. Although the siren system was installed as a requirement related to the operation of Diablo Canyon Power Plant, the sirens may be used for any local emergency such as tsunami, dam failure, or other natural or man-made disaster.

Beginning on June 9, 2014 and continuing through August 2014, PG&E will be proactively upgrading the Early Warning System sirens through replacement of control system components. This project will require upgrades to each of the 131 sirens. The siren system will remain operational throughout the project and backup route alerting will be established for any siren that is temporarily out of service. No full volume tests of the system will occur during this project.

The Early Warning System sirens undergo continual testing which includes twice-monthly silent tests, quarterly low-volume growl tests, and the annual full-volume siren test that occurs in late August. Upon completion of this project, one visible change will be the rotation of sirens during silent tests. During these tests, no action is required on the part of the public.

The actual sounding of the sirens is an indication that the Emergency Alert System (EAS) has been activated and the public should tune to a local radio or television station for emergency information.

Additional information on emergency preparedness can be found on the County Office of Emergency Services web site at <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/oes>

Questions regarding the tests can be answered by the County Office of Emergency Services by calling (805) 781-5011.

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